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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competitive internet service providers have a valuable place in the market, and as a current customer of a competitive ISP I urge you to reject the request to deregulate the copper wire infrastructure.

I chose my competitive provider, Sonic, in large part because of their privacy policies, because none of the other ISPs in my area have robust privacy protections. Additionally, I am excited to have fiber-optic service at my address soon, and competitive ISPs are able to expand fiber-optic service in part due because they can share the copper wire infrastructure. This is the kind of choice and improved service that the current regulations support.

Copper wire infrastructure is a perfect example of a natural monopoly, which is when government regulation is most appropriate. The FCC should continue to keep copper wire infrastructure open to competitive ISPs to encourage a variety of services and promote the expansion of high-speed internet infrastructure.

Thank you.

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